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Examiner's Affidavit

I, James W. Myhre, do hereby affirm the following facts are based on personal experience. While attending school in Churchs Ferry, North Dakota, between April 1958 and May 1968, my classmates and I oftentimes patronized the local grocery store, owned by Mr. Burt Benschof, during our lunchtime recess. During the first few years, a bottle of soda pop cost 7 cents. If a student bought one bottle and paid a dime for the purchase, it was common for Mr. Benschof to offer one or more additional items, such as candy, gun, etc., in the place of the change due. Sometimes he would let the student pick out penny candy in an amount equal to the change due. At other times he would offer a more expensive item, like a candy bar, in place of the change. Although the prices of the items changed during the years, Mr. Benschof continued this practice of offering additional items in place of the change due at least through 1968, when I graduated from High School and moved out of the state. Mr. Benschoff died a few years ago and is no longer able to attest to validity of this affirmation.

Attested to:

James W. Myhre
Patent Examiner
U. S. Patent & Trademark Office

County/City of Arlington
Commonwealth/State of Virginia
The foregoing instrument was subscribed and sworn before me this 22 day of Feb. 2001, by

(name of person seeking acknowledgement)

Notary Public
My commission expires: March 31, 2004